

Council Chambers
Hillsdale City Hall
97 N. Broad St.
Hillsdale, MI 49242

December 16, 2013
7:00 p.m.
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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City of Hillsdale
Regular Meeting

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Scott M. Sessions opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Mayor Scott Sessions called the meeting to order with the following Council members present: Council members Brian Watkins and Adam Stockford representing Ward One; Council member Sally Kinney representing Ward Two; Council member Emily Stack Davis Ward Three; and Council members Patrick Flannery and Mary Beth Bail representing Ward Four.

Also present were City Manager Linda Brown, City Clerk Robilyn Swisher, City Attorney Lewis Loren, Michelle Loren, Rick Rose, Matt Durr (Hillsdale Daily News), Jane Englehart, Samuel Nutter, Eric Swisher, Doug Moon, Charles Rader, Scott Hephner, Gary Wolfram, Mary Wolfram, Charles Sharp, Keith Richard, Ruth Brown, and Aimee England.

Approval of Agenda

No Additions

Motion by Mayor Sessions to approve the December 16, 2013 Agenda.

All ayes.

Motion carried.

Public Comment

Ruth Brown, 45 Apple Run Lane, addressed Council as County Commissioner. Ruth asked council to look at the duplication of services with Sue Smith at the EDP and the Hillsdale Policy Group. Ruth feels that there is no need to have a County and a city person for these duties, and suggest council table the contract agreement and look at possibly using Sue Smith from the county instead of Hillsdale Policy Group.

Rick Rose, 22 Glendale, Director of BPU. Rick addressed council in regards to Ruth Browns comments and suggests that we need someone from the city for companies to contact. Rick feels Mary Wolfram has had better results than any other person that we have had involved in this program since BPU has started supporting it.

Doug Moon, 123 State St, spoke in support of the Hillsdale Policy Group, and keeping the service within the city.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Bills from December 5, 2013: Claims of \$83,634.13 Payroll of \$136,616.09
- B. Committee Reports (Pending Approval):
 - TIFA Minutes 9-17-13
 - TIFA Target Development Minutes 10-8-13
 - Council Work Session Minutes 11-25-13
- C. Council Minutes 12-2-13
- D. 2014 Council Meeting Dates

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Flannery, to approve the Consent agenda as presented Roll call: Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Flannery – yes; Bail – yes; Kinney – yes; Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Stack-Davis – yes.

Approved 7-0.

Motion carried.

Communications and Petitions

None

Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances/Public Hearings

- A. Ordinance to Address Floodplain Management of the State Construction Code
City Manager Linda Brown suggests council pass the Ordinance and publish it as passed.

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Stack Davis, to approve the Ordinance to Address Floodplain Management #2013-6 as presented Roll call: Councilpersons Flannery – yes; Bail – yes; Kinney – yes; Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Stack-Davis – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes.

ORDIN.
#2013-6
PASS

Approved 7-0.

Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

- A. Local Streets Maintenance – City Manager Brown states that work is ongoing at the house on Charles Street.
B. Code Enforcement. –
Enforcements open November 2013
Enforcements Closed November 2013
City Manager Linda Brown stated that Kim is working on getting old files closed and getting some new ones open and is making good progress.

Old Business

None

New Business

- A. Call for Special Election- City Manager Linda Brown suggests that council pass the Resolution calling for a Special Election to be held on May 6, 2013, to fill the two vacancies on council.

SPECIAL
ELECTION
RES #
3158

Motion by Councilperson Kinney, supported by Councilperson Watkins, to approve the Call for Special Election Resolution #3158 as presented Roll call: Councilpersons Flannery – yes; Bail – yes; Kinney – yes; Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Stack-Davis – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes.

Approved 7-0.

Motion carried.

- B. FEMA Floodplain Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement to Manage Floodplain Development for the National Flood Insurance Program- City Manager Linda Brown suggests that the council to pass the Resolution as presented.

Motion by Councilperson Stockford, supported by Councilperson Flannery, to approve the Counties FEMA Resolution as presented Roll call: Councilpersons Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Stack Davis – yes; Mayor Sessions – yes; Flannery – yes; Bail – yes; Kinney – yes.

Approved 7-0.

Motion carried.

- C. Application for Annual ROW Permit from DOT- Resolution- City Manager Linda Brown suggests that council passes the ROW Resolution as presented.

Motion by Councilperson Kinney, supported by Councilperson Watkins, to approve the ROW Resolution as presented Roll call: Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Flannery – yes; Bail – yes; Kinney – yes; Stockford – yes; Watkins – yes; Stack Davis – yes.

Approved 7-0.

Motion carried.

HILLSDALE
POLICY
GROUP
CONTRACT

D. Hillsdale Policy Group, Ltd. –Contract for Economic Development Consulting- City Manager Linda Brown suggests that council approve a contract with Hillsdale Consulting Group to provide economic development consulting services for one year and continuing on, with two minor revisions, unless either party provides the other party thirty days notice of its desire to terminate in writing.

Mary Wolfram spoke as to what services are provided by the Hillsdale Policy Group.

Councilperson Stockford states that he agrees with Mary’s statement about Hillsdale growing out of the economic problems.

Mayor Sessions suggests that council look at other options for these services.

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Kinney, to approve the Contract with Hillsdale Policy Group as presented Roll call: Councilpersons Stack Davis – yes; Watkins – yes; Stockford– yes; Kinney– yes; Bail– yes; Flannery – yes; Mayor Sessions – No.

Approved 6-1.

Motion carried.

SANDY
BEACH
PLAY
EQUIPMENT
GRANT

E. Grant for Sandy Beach Playground Equipment- City Manager Linda Brown suggests that council approve the Grant for Sandy Beach Playground Equipment as presented.

Motion by Councilperson Bail, supported by Councilperson Stack Davis, to approve the Grant for Sandy Beach Playground Equipment as presented Roll call: Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Flannery – yes; Bail – yes; Kinney– yes; Stockford– yes; Watkins– yes; Stack-Davis – yes;.

Approved 7-0.

Motion carried.

F. Dial-A-Ride Title VI Program Resolution- City Manager Linda Brown suggests that council pass the Dial-A-Ride Title VI Resolution as presented.

Motion by Councilperson Watkins supported by Councilperson Kinney, to approve the Dial-A-Ride Title VI Resolution #3160 as presented. Roll call: Mayor Sessions – yes; Councilpersons Flannery – yes; Bail – yes; Kinney– yes; Stockford– yes; Watkins– yes; Stack Davis – yes.

Approved 7-0.

Motion carried.

RES#
3160

Miscellaneous

APPOINT-
MENTS

Appointments: Board of Special Assessors: Aimee England, one year term expiring November 2014; Zoning Board of Appeals: Aimee England, three year term expiring November 2016; and Adam Stockford, three year term, expiring November 2016.

Motion by Councilperson Watkins, supported by Councilperson Kinney, to approve the Mayoral Appointments as presented.

All Ayes

Motion carried.

General Public Comment

None

Council Comment

Councilperson Flannery states he is working on compiling a list of all the ideas talked about at the work session about funding the streets. He also thanked Public Works for all of their work on the roads with all of the snow removal.

City Manager Linda Brown commented on how nice the open house was at the Mitchell Building. City Manager Brown also gave her appreciation for the help in putting together the Mayor's Reception.

Councilperson Watkins stated he also enjoyed the open house at the Mitchell Building

Councilperson Stockford recognized the passing of Kathy Baker, the owner of Gelzers.

Mayor Sessions also thanked everyone for coming out to the Mitchell Building open house as well as the Mayor's Reception.

Adjournment


Motion by Councilmember Kinney, seconded by Councilmember Watkins, to adjourn.

All ayes

Motion carried.

7:56 p.m.


Scott M. Sessions, Mayor


Robilyn Swisher, City Clerk